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Harry J. Buncke)
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Issued: August 3, 1999) File No: 447/RE
For: SURGICAL METHODS USING)
ONE-WAY SUTURE)

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

A notice to file missing parts of reissue application, copy enclosed, was mail in this case on September 21, 2001.

Apparently the only item missing was the statement of the assignee of part interest establishing his ownership in the patent. Thus, a new consent of assignee to reissue application is enclosed, including the assignee's statement stating the location of a recorded assignment document.

This is believed to address all issues, but if any further issue arises, it is requested that the examining party telephone the undersigned attorney.



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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE APPLICATION

37CFR 1.172 and 3.33(B)

The undersigned assignee and owner of part interest in the above-identified patent hereby consents to the inventor's application for reissue on the basis of the applicant having claimed less than he had a right to claim. Documentary evidence of the undersigned's one-half interest in the invention and patents is found in recorded assignment document at Reel 8572, Frame 0279 (5 pages), recorded May 21, 1997.

Date: 10/5/2001

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that all assignees consenting to the reissue application establish their ownership interest in the patent by filing in the reissue application a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Th. Freiburger", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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